

III. **REMARKS**

In the specification, the included passages contain the text from USP 6,041,309, which was incorporated by reference in the specification of the subject application.

Claim information: Claims 1-3, 11, and 28-31 are pending. Claims 1, 28, and 30 are the independent claims.

The contents of the specification of USP 6,041,309, which were incorporated by reference, have been expressly added to this specification to support new claim limitations relating to the client computer. Now new matter has been added.

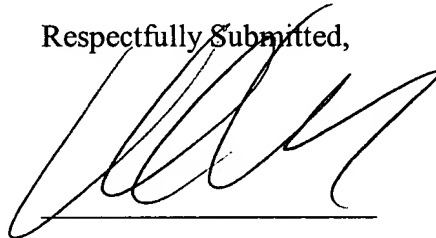
A marked up version of the specification accompanies the amendment.

The prior art reference Gerace applied against the claims in the prior office action does not disclose the three party system including consumer's client computer that requests redemptions from a retailer's computer system wherein the retailer computer system looks to a back end computer system (claimed promotion server) for information whether to provide the redeption. See specification page paragraphs spanning pages 3 and 4.

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